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TAGS: PFOR, AO, GB, OAU
SUBJECT: GABONESE PRESIDENT AND FONMIN ESTIMATE AT LEAST
25 OAU MEMBERS TATES CAN BE COUNTED ON OR PERSUADED TO
RECOGNIZE FNLA-UNITA REGIME IF PROJECTED OAU SUMMIT FAILS
RESOLVE ANGOLAN CONFLICT. END SUMMARY.

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1. IN MEETING WITH AF ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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MULCAHY NOVEMBER 23, GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO AND
FONMIN OKUMBA ESTIMATED THAT MINIMUM OF 25 OAU MEMBER
STATES WOULD RECOGNIZE FNLA-UNITA REGIME IF CURRENT OAU
INJUNCTION AGAINST SUCH RECOGNITION WERE NO LONGER
IN FORCE.

2. BONGO AND OKUMBA EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PROJECTED OAU
SUMMIT WILL BE HELD BUT WILL FAIL TO RESOLVE ANOLAN CONFLICT,
AND THAT IN WAKE SUCH FAILURE EXISITING INJUNCTION WILL
LOSE ITS FORCE. AT THAT TIME, CONTENDING ANGOLAN REGIMES
WILL BE SEEKING MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RECOGNITIONS FROM
COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE THUS FAR REFRAINED FROM SUCH ACTION,
AND WILL BE MOBILIZING ALL THEIR FRIENDS TO LOBBY FOR SUCH
SUPPORT.

3. WITH HELP OF SUCH FRIENDS AS MOBUTU AND HIMSELF, BONGO
SAID, FNLA-UNITA GOVERNMENT COULD ALMOST CERTAINLY COUNT
ON WINNING CLEAR MAJORITY OF OAU MEMBERSHIP.PRESIDENT AND
FONMIN LISTED FOLLOWING OAU MEMBER STATES AS EITHER ALREADY
IN FNLA-UNITA CAMP OR ELSE SUBJECT TO LOBBYING BY HIMSELF
AND MOBUTU: BOTSWANA, BURUNDI, CENTRAL AFRICAN
REPUBLIC, EGYPT, GABON, GAMBIA, GHANA, IVORY COST, KENYA,
LESOTHO, LIBERIA, LIBYA, MALAWI, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, NIGER,
NIGERIA, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SWAZILAND, TOGO, TUNISIA, UGANDA,
UPPER VOLTA, AND ZAIRE. IN ADDITON, BONGO THOUGHT HE
COULD PROBABLY DELIVER COMOROS AND SEYCHELLES, AND PERHAPS
SWING CAMEROON, DAHOMEY, AND ZAMBIA AS WELL.

4. RECALLING HIS TRIPS TO MIDDLE EAST, BONGO ADDED
THAT HE COULD USE HIS INFLUENCE TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR
FNLA-UNITA FROM NUMBER OF NEA STATES AS WELL. IN
THIS CATEGORY, HE NAMED BAHRAIN, IRAN, KUWAIT, QATAR, SAUDI
ARABIA, AND YEMEN (NORTH), AND NOTED THAT ISRAEL SHOULD
ALSO BE WILLING RECOGNIZE FNLA-UNITA.

5. BONGO AND OKUMBA AGREED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR
FNLA-UNITA WAS BOTH EMBARRASSMENT AND POSSIBLE COMPLICATION
IN SECURING DESIRED RECOGNITIONS, BUT SEEMED TO FEEL THAT IT
COULD BE OVERCOME BY EFFECTIVE USE OF GABONESE AND ZAIRIAN
INFLUENCE IN LOBBYING EFFORT.
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6. COMMENT: FOREGOING SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH DISCRETION
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